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OPINION OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY BIRNEY

THE BILLIARD TOURNAMEN (scellaneous) Paragraphs of Interes

Weather probabilities, estimated at 1 a. m .-For Monday, in the South Atlantic States, warm atherly winds, hazy and cloudy weather will evail, followed by colder northeast winds, cloud d rain. For the Middle Atlantic States, rising remeter, clear or clearing weather and cooler

Thermometric readings taken April 23, 1876, a the Signal Office: 7 a. m., 49°; 7:35 a. m., 52°; 12 m., 66°; 2 p. m., 67°; 4:35 p. m., 65°; 9 p. m., 53°; D p. m., 62°. Maximum, 67°; minimum, 45°.

For court proceedings see third page. Behrend's Patent Catarrh cigar sure cure. Judge Olin, of the Supreme Bench, is lying danrously ill of pneumonia at his residence. Try Marburg Bros. Seal of North Carolina

cing Tobacco, 10 and 20 cent packages. R. B. Ferguson, pharmacist, corner Secon street and Pennsylvania avenue, Capitol Hill. Traces \$1: also all the homocopathic med es at Heller's drug store, under the National

severed at McMurray's, 805 Pennsylvania avenue,

Six per cent, paid on deposits, payable on de mand. Special rates on time deposits, J. H. Squier & Co., bankers. H. D. Cooke, jr., & Co., F street near the Treasury, do a general banking business and buy and sell District securities, &c.

During Saturday and Saturday night fifty-two arrests were made by the police of the District, and nine lodgers were accommedated in the sta-Milliken's hotel, corner Tenth and E streets

northwest. First class board for regular or tran-sient guests. Easy of access from all the street Sergeant Brosnan arrested a colored man named Moses Lemax Saturday night, who sneaked off from Philip Cohen's store, on Seventh street, with a pair of shoes.

The Peternac Beat Club has received a challenge from the midshipmen at the Naval acad-emy to row a four-cored shell race some time dur-ing the month of June. For anything you want, whatever, always con-

sub the convenient and complete Alphabetical Business Directory in the DAILY NATIONAL RE-FUBLICAR, to be found everywhere. Parker & Woolston's straw hat and bonnet bleachery, 702 E street, opposite the Post Office Ladies may depend on having their work properly done. They also make ladies' chip hats.

The anniversary exercises of the National Deaf d Dumb Mute College, for the present year, take place at the half of the institution, at Ken-dail Green, next Wednesday at 3 p. m. In the fish market Saturday-R. A. Golden Brother, fish agents-8,000 shad sold for \$15

@16 per hundred; 20,000 herrings, for \$10@12 per thousand; 300 gill rock, for 20c. apiece. Derby hats, in pearl nutria and black colors ane nutria soft hats; youths' and children's hat in selt and straw; silk umbrellas and walking
STINEMETZ,
Hatter, 1237 Pennsylvania avenue. Washington Commandery, No. 1, Knights

Templar, will, hereafter, drill twice a week, Mon day and Tuesday evenings, at 70 clock, at Armory building, in preparing for their Philadelphia This is a dangerous season, and often the foodest

mother's care is no protection against Coughs and Colds and Hoarseness, Dr. Bull's Cough by an should therefore be kept in readiness, Price 25 cents. The Shiloh (Baptist) Sunday school gave a

macred concert at the L-street Shiloh church yes-terday afternoon, which was largely attended. The exercises were very interesting but somewhat Punt Bernough, the accomplice of Wayman and Weaver, who were sentenced to the peniten-tiary on Saturday for tapping a till in the West-ern market, was arrested the same night on a

bench warrant will be held on the evening of the 28th instant. giving those who unfortunately missed the last one an opportunity to spend a pleasant evening with the artists and their latest works.

The last issue of The American Youth, pub ished by C. W. Richardson & Bro, and one of the sest amateur journals in the country, is just out, it is newsy, fresh and full of interesting matter, and bears every indication of prosperity.

The Colonial fair, which has been held at the Fifteenth-street (Presbyterian) church during the past two weeks, will be continued every evening this week. The programme for this week will be varied and the entertainment more pleasing. The following marriage licenses were issued last Saturday: Charles Black and Emily Wash-

ton, Anthony Jones and Sarah E. Sewell, Moses Kelly and Louisa Yearby, Patrick Henry and Mary Pithani, George Curtis and Rhoda Ellis. When people ask you where they can find the best and cheapest, so and so, whatever it may be, plways refer them to the convenient and complete Alphabetical Business Directory in the Dally NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, to be found everywhere. Saturday afternoon a small boy ruined the Spr day dinner for the occupants of house No. 616 I. strice to rethwest by trying to get up a representa-tion of the burning of Cartinage in the back kitchen. The confingration spread with wonder-ful rapidity from the bundle of papers which he had lighted to the kitchen-safe, and the result was that its valuable contents were destroyed.

Detectives Miller and Coomes arrested, last Sat son, who has for some time past been running an intelligence office in the Columbia law building. The warrant upon which he was arrested charges him with having swindled a large number of per-sons about the city, mostly females. He was locked up at headquarters and will have a hear-ing today.

Indicted.

The grand jury last Saturday presented indict ments against Richard Thorn, alias Lamson, and Benj. Anthony, alias John Robinson, for larceny, and Richard Jones, alias John Johnson, burglary and larceny, two cases. Dr. Newman's Lecture.

The citizens of Washington will have an oppor tunity to hear the pastor of the Metropolitan to morrow night at his church give a description of his journey from this city to Jerusalem, with many seenes and incidents, which will be both the bull to the seenes and incidents. thrilling and highly interesting. The proceed of the lecture the Doctor generously proposes t give toward the repair of the church spire.

Wheatley Brothers.

These enterprising young gentlemen, thoroughly conversant with the needs and desires of the con-tractors and mechanics of the city in procuring material for their work, have now on hand a nost complete assortment of lumber, which is at prices in keeping with the times. At either the yard in Georgetown or the one on the corner of Seventh and Q streets northwes: will be found every variety of oak, pine and sprace, and cut into all shapes and sizes, in order to meet the market demands. This firm are reasonable in their trading, and seldom fall to satisfy any customer that gives them a call.

Hoff & Thomas.

This firm has been in operation for some time past at No. 920 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, and built up a trade that is proving rather incra-tive. One of the chief secrets of their success lies in the fact that an article offered for sale is neither in the fact that an article offered for sale is neither misrepresented nor overvalued in price. Consequently, their word once given in a trade can be relied upon, and those who patronise them once continue their custom whenever opportunity affords. Among the per excellence goods offered for public inspection and purchase is the Stag's Head Heating Range, which is claimed to have no superior as a part of the kitchen furniture. It can only be found at this establishment, and those henseholders desirous of such an article should call and examine it before parchasing elsewhere.

COMMERCIAL PROSPERITY. A Word About the Old and Reliable Firm of

Strasburger Bros.
There is no better indication of the growth of the gro There is no better indication of the growth of a city than that which is evinced in the prosperity and sevancement of commercial interests. Washington is noted for its many old and reliable business firms, which from long years of honest, energetic traffic have won the entire confidence of the community. Among these there is one firm which stands particularly completions for its reliability and other features which make it popular. We speak now of Strasburger Bros. 304 and 306 Seventh street. The Strasburger Bros. 304 and 306 Seventh street. The Strasburger Bros. 304 and soe bester to the strasburger Bros. 404 and seventh errest. The Strasburger Bros. 304 and soe nextablished in this city about cight years, and have built up one of the largest boot and shoe interests south of New York. This firm was formerly of Baltimore, where they did a large wholesale boot and shoe business, and owing to their large experience in the trade they are now able to sell their stock on as low a cash basid as any establishment in the country.

They have also an extensive carpet house adjoining their boot and shoe establishment. This building has been especially fitted up for that building has been especially of be found within its doors. They have a complete invoice of Chinese and Japanese mustings of the latest styles and at the lowest cash pricer; also, all grades and styles of carpetings, mats, and oll-cloths. The firm has made a speciality of maitings, and the immense trade that they are now doing in this fine shows trade that they are now doing in this fine shows trade that they are now doing in this fine shows trade that they are now doing in this fine shows trade that they are now doing in this fine shows trade that they are some prover made,

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The Outcome of the Religious Revival. The religious revival which has been in progres weshington for several weeks past has resulted n securing the pledges of nearly two thousan people who promised to lead Christian lives. With the departure of the Rev. Mr. Hammond and Mr. Bentley the active impulse of this religious campaign seems to close, and yet it is not nreasonable to suppose that the two thousand legatees of their efforts, assisted by the auxil aries that have given Mr. Hammond such sturdy support, will carry the movement much further The material is not nearly exhausted yet, and for that matter the revivalists might have continued their work in our midst for many days more, had it not been that other fields of labor and claims of various kinds are pressing upon them. Washing-tonians have had the chance to hear and believe, and life is too short and the work too great to ex-pect that the few able apostles in the cause can give more time to any one city than has been al-lowed in our case. Those who have stood out of the way of the impulse have

NONE TO BLAME

but their own selves if they have not felt it stir within their hearts. There is even yet time for such, and if they will hasten they may at least catch the echoes of the songs and feel the thrill of the religious fervor that pervades the numerous congregations which throng to the churches where the meetings were and are still held.

But the time has come, at any rate, for reckoning up results. Against the argument sometimes advanced that a religious reviral is not a valuable adjunct to Christianity, there is to be counted the fact that two thousand souls have given in their pictiges to help the religious side in the great meral struggic of life. How many other souls they contact and impel to the same purpose it is useless to speculate, but it is not a light matter in a fair estimate. How many more may be led by the meetings still to continue to join the ranks, and how far the wide-spreading effect will extend and what germs of religious growth it may stimulate to life, is still more speculative, but not immaterial.

A fair observer will say that the effect of the A fair observer will say that the effect of the

A fair observer will say that the effect of the Moody and Sankey meetings is felt in every town and city in the country. So interseven in thought and feeling has humanity become under the common means which exists for interchanging them—and if the meetings referred to have had this wide effect, the smaller but still great religious movement centering here must, at all events, have some power for effect elsewhere. Other hetors in the reckoning are those who heard and yet uttered no sign. Again, a statement of the fact must lead the reader to his ininference in regard to this result. On several consions crowds of from five to ten thousand people have attended the outdoor services on Capitol Hill, and at considerable discomfort have stood for several hours listening to the exhortations of the speaker. What per cent, of these have carried away better resolves or have been comforted and strengthened in their aspirations no one can compute.

A LARGE SHAREE OF THE ATTENDANTS

A LARGE SHARE OF THE ATTENDANTS at these meetings were such as seldom go to church. Neither can they be accused of going to those meetings for the sake of display or for self-ishreasons of any kind, hence it follows that many of them, at least, sought these grand occasions to gain comfort, and from sincere motives of true sympathy with the spirit of the event. Altogether, without going further into an argument which from its very nature is intangible, enough is known to show that the revival conducted by Hammond and Bentley has been a grand success, and has paved the way for a still greater when the great preacher, Mr. Moody, comes to visit us. Part of the harvest has been garnered, but the seed has been sown over a wide field, which in a few menths will be ready for a more bountiful reaping.

reaping.

As a secular newspaper it is not the part of THE REPUBLICAN to advocate either side of the spiritual argument, but the facts of the case are apparent and may be stated. The whole impulse of such movements is on the side of right and advancement, and while revivals offer occasion for discretations and was become vancement, and while revivals offer occasion for disputations and may be open to criticism in their methods, yet these are triffing objections compared to the great good which it is clear that the revival just closed has conferred on this community. We cannot but hope in the interest of public morals and improvement that the Rev. Mr. Hammond will be equally successful, wherever he may go, in the cause he advocates so earnestly and successfully.

DISTRICT ATTOREY BIRNEY'S OPINION. Disallowing Damages Caused by Change of

Grade. Wm. Birney, esq., Assistant Attorney of this District, has prepared an opinion for the Commissioners in relation to reimbursing property-holders on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, etween Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, in accordance with a bill presented in Congress and asking relief. The opinion has been forwarded to the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia, and sets forth the reasons against this bill, as follows :

1. It is the entering wedge to allowances of un-told amounts to be paid from the treasury of the District.
2. Your favoring it would be in violation of the statute of March 14, 1876, which forbids under statute of Alarch 14, 1876, which forbids under heavy penalties any official of the District to aid or abet in the increase of its debt.

3. The claim is unjust in its being not for dam-

ages for actual trespass committed upon property, but for a contribution of the public to the pro-prietor to enable him to improve upon his prop-erty with reference to the present grade of the avenue,

1. The principle of the bill, the allowance of consquential damages for the exercise of a municipal right to grade streets, is new in legislation.

5. If the principle which requirates the rights of proprietors of contiguous lots in relation to each other is applied, the municipal government, or the United States acting as such, has a right to improve or grade an avenue, of which it owns the feet simple, without regard to the owner of contiguous property, so long as no actual trespass is committed upon such contiguous property.

6. The English courts have uniformly decided against the allowance of consequential damages for grading avenues and streets is clites.

7. The decisions of the Supreme courts of the States have been adverse to the allowance of consequential damages for grading.

8. The courts of the District of Columbia have uniformly decided against them.

9. The Supreme Court of the United States in cases arising in Washington and Georgetown and carried up on appeal has decided adversely to the allowance of consequential damages arising from the grading of streets.

10. The principle of law so declared has never been changed by any statute law of or for this District. est the allowance of consequential damage

District.

For these reasons it is my opinion that your answer to the Senate committee should be unfavorable to bill No. 660, pending before it.

I. O. O. F.

The Fifty-seventh Anniversary. The 57th anniversary of the Order of Old Fel. ows in this country will be celebrated next Wednesday by the Grand Lodge of the State of Marvising, and the Lodges of Baltimore and the State_will appropriately observe the day. A grand parade will take place in Baltimore, in which there will be fifty Lodges and fifteen Euwhich there will be fifty Lodges and fifteen Eucampments, and at Ford's opera-house addresses will be delivered by James L. Ridgely, Grand Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Rev. Dr. Naylor, of Fayette-street M. E. church, and Judge Garey, of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore. There will be a nanquet at Massanie Temple, to which visiting Odd Fellows from Washington and elsewhere have been invited, and at the hall on Gay street there will be a levee at night. From the District the Uniformed Patriarchs, to the number of about eighty. Washington Lodge, No. 6, and Columbian Encampment will go as organized bodies, accompanied by members of other Lodges and Encampments and a number of ladies. They will take is pieces of the Marine band, and leave here at 8 o'clock in the morning, returning during the night.

DISTRICT NOTES.

Erection of Gas Lamps. Lieutenant Hoxie has authorized the Gas Com-pany to erect three lamps on New Hampshire aveme, between E and F streets, northwest; one at the corner of L and Fifth streets northwest; one at the corner of K and Fifth streets; one on L, near Fifth street northwest; three on Seventh near Fifth street northwest; three on Seventh street, between Massachusetts avenue and P street northwest; two on the east side of Seventh, between East Capitol and A streets southeast; one on Delaware avenue, between C and D streets northeast; one on Market street, between First and Second streets, Georgetown; two on P street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets northwest; two on Sixth street, between N and O streets northwest; one on O street, between Ninth and Tenth street, en on thwest six on Nineteenth street, between P and S streets northwest; soven on Eighth street, between I and F streets northeast. Eighth street, between I and F streets no one on Bridge street, between Green and Mont gomery streets, Georgetown.

Chicken Thieves. The hennery on the premises of A. J. Alden, esq., of Hyattsville, Md., was broken into last Friday night and a large number of fine Brahms and Leghorn fowls carried away.

The custom once prevailed in this part of Maryand of setting trap-guns near the doors of her coops, for the purpose of thinning out these mid-night plunderers, but since the sad accident on

night plunderers, but since the sad accident on the Bladensburg turnpike a year or so since, when a farmer met his death by a trap-gun of his own retting, that method of prevention has be-come highly unpopular. As stolen property of this kind in nine cases out of ten finds its way to the Centre market soon, after the robbery, it would be well for boarding-house keepers and heads of families on reading an article of this kind in the columns of the Na-rional Revuellean to be on the lookout and an article of Clis kind in the columns of the Na-riowal. Expublicant to be on the lookout and avoid purchasing fowls which have an anxious, troubled or uneasy expression of countenance, as such ones most aiways turn out to be the stolen bipeds. By a rigid observance of this suggestion chicken thieves would be obliged to abandon their nefarious profession on finding no market for their ill-gotten gains.

Death of Officer Dyson. Officer Abraham C. Dyson, of the Metropolita solice force of the District, died yesterday morning at his residence on F street, between Ninth and Tenth, after suffering from consumption for a long time. Officer Dysen was known well on the force as an officer who never chrinked from his duty, and his excellent qualities and genuine manhood made for him many firm friends, and won the respect of all. He received his appointment July 8, 1852, and was one of the first colored men appointed on the force. The prejudice that usually exists when a colored man is employed among white men did not hold good in his case, and his brother officers recognized a true man in him. His record on the force and his war record before his spoofstinent have been excellent. He has performed police duty in several parts of the city, and interly he has been under command of Lieut. Ecklosi in the Sixth precinct. He leaves a widow and two children. His burial will be solcunized with the hopers usually bestowed upon a deceased officer. long time. Officer Dysen was known well on

A Street Fight. Charles Brown, John Keefe and John Lynci seamen of the United States steamer Dispatch not into an altercation with a blacksmith name Henry M. Bock, near the corner of Tenth street Heary M. Boek, sear the corner of a substantial remains a venue, in which the latter was badly pummeled. Officers Nicholson and Duvall arrested the salors and took them to the Contral guard-house, where they depled committing the deed. They were held to await an examination today. AMATEUR BILLIARDS.

The Fournament at the Coliseum Rooms. The amateur tournament at the Collseum rooms, caugurated by Mesers. Scanlon & Geary, has suring the past week attracted considerable atention, and those lovers of the game present hav ine contests. Thus far twelve matches have been played, and nine more remain to finish the list site to play before the tournament is done. Lest. Won High Aver-

By the above table it will be perceived that, as the record now stands, Brady has the best prospect for the first prize. But in the remaining games to be played he may not be so successful, and some other contestant now below him in the list may rush the front and capture an unexpected and unlooked for vistory. It will require nearly every evening this week to finish the tourmament, and the admirers of the game will have soveral opporlunities to see these amateur knights measure cues.

In regard to a second match between Shaw and Shaefer, it is only necessary to say that such a Shaefer, it is only necessary to say that such a prospect is at an end, and Mr. Shaefer has left the

The Baltimore American of Saturday speaks as ollows of the initiatory works of the evangelists

In that city:

"Yesterday afternoon a union prayer meeting, under the auspices of the Business Men's Meeting, was held in the First Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Charles and Fayette streets. There was an overflowing congregation present, representing almost every denomination of the city. One hour, from 5 to 6 clock, was spent in prayer, singing and the delivery of brief addresses. It was announced that to-day Messrs, Hammond and Hentley, the Washington Evangelists, will begin a series of meetings in this city, to be held in the First M. E. church. They come at the invitation of a large number of the ministers and laymen of the various congregations of the city, and it is expected that they will hold daily meetings for six weeks here. The first service to-day will be a children's meeting, at 2p, m., followed by a general meeting at 7:30 p.m.

"Br. James Carcy Thomas conducted the exercises, and remarks were made by William Woodward, esq., Alexander M. Carter, esq., the Rev. Dr. Julius E. Grammer and several others." n that city:

Another Colored Elopement.

As this is the Centennial year, or in other words the year of wonders, the opportunity for achievement of successful runaway weddings is certainly being well improved among the aristo eratic colored circle of our city. After due de liberation being made, and a prospective view o the future being well analyzed by couples wishing to become martyrs before the hymeneal altar, it seems that the romantic idea of elopement or marrying against the wishes of parents has be come paramount to the dictates of better judg ment among our colored population, and the rerult is that elopements are first on the programme,
It is circulated in the colored aristocratic circle
by the usual well informed gossipers \(\frac{w}{\top}\) otherwise
terine every class of society, that the wedding of
a well-known young colored belle and a son of one
of our prominent citizens was solemnized last
Friday evening in this city, unbeknown to their
parents. This is the second case parallel that has
happened within the last four weeks, and more
are in contemplation. re in contemplation.

Improvements. Inspector Thomas Plowman has issued the following building permits: P. H. McNamara, a twostory and basement brick dwelling, north side of H, between North Capitol and First streets north east; \$1,500. John Goegler, a two-story brick dwelling, west side of Eighth, between P and Q streets northwest; \$750. Thomas Cain, two twestory brick dwellings, east side of Second, between H and I streets northeast; \$1,800. B. F. Lloyd, a frame dwelling, west side of Thirteenth, between C and D streets southwest; \$400. George Gockelin, a brick stable, west side of Eighth, between L and M streets northwest; \$500. S. Thos. Brown, three three-story and basement dwellings, north side of West, between Green and Washington streets. Georgetown; \$7,500. Thomas J. Ray, a brick dwelling, north side of A, between Third and Fourth streets northeast; \$500. Charles T. Davis, six three-story and basement brick dwellings, north side of L, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets northwest; \$60,000. dwelling, west side of Eighth, between P and O

St. Dominio's Fair. Saturday evening closed the first week of the fair which is being held at Odd Fellows' hall for the benefit of St. Dominic's church. The ladies who have charge of the tables have done all in their power to make the fair-room an attractive and pleasant place to spend an evening, and they deserve encouragement. The object for nich the fair is held is to raise funds to a go on the indebtedness of the church. The might of St. Patrick will visit the fair root this evening and no doubt they will be nospitably entertained. The fair will continue a few evenings this week.

The Revival. Although Mr. Hammond and Mr. Bentley have cone, the meetings which they inaugurated will be kept up under the direction of the preachers and the Young Men's Christian Association. A and the foliage meeting was held last evening in the lecture-room of the Young Men's Christian Association building. Meetings will be held constantly in order to take full advantage of the state in which Mr. Hammond has left the city, and tightly clinch the truths in the promulgation of which he took so active a part.

Auction Sales To-day. By Young & Middleton: At 5 o'clock, unimproved property on Twelfth street, between Pennsylvania avenue and Estreet

By B. H. Warner:

The B-C Cigar Man has received by the last steamer 75,000 fresh cigars, just from the bench, at 50 per cent, lower than ever offered, and warrants them superior to any in the market. By the thousand or single box to grocers, druggists, &c., at their own prices, Call and see. Samples free. By Grosse, No. 236 F and No. 439 Seventh streets northwest. Also, Chicago tickets, \$12.50, and ice water free.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Orpheus Club of Philadelphia. The women's Centennial committee of Washington, who have, with commendable public spirit, undertaken to aid the women's executive interior fitting up of the women's pavilion, pronose to give a concert at Lincoln hall on Monday May 1, at 8 o'clock p. m., and, for this purpose have secured the services of the Orpheus club o Philadelphia,

This, the most renowned vocal club of the country, is composed of thirty amateur artists, who, besides their artistic accomplishments, are persons of high social standing at home. Their leader, Mr. Cross, is a professional musician of established reputation, and in Philadelphia, Haltimore and New York, where the club is known, the mere announcement of its purpose to give a public entertainment is sufficient to fill the house to overflowing. The services of the members of this club are, of course, gratuitous, yet their music challenges criticism, and we can promise all who attend at Lincoln hall a rare teast of music and, we hope, a brilliant collection of the beauty, refinement and patriotism of this city as well as appreciative listeners. To all who desire to pass a pleasant evening, we advise to make early application for tickets to any member of the women's Washington committee, or at Ellisser Metrerott's music stores. Reserved seats, \$1,50; general admission, \$4.50.

Concert at St. Augustine's Church. A feast for the musical is premised to those at-ending the concert to be given to-night at St. Augustine's church, Fifteenth street, between L and M streets. It is well known that among our and a street. It is well known that among our colored clittens there are some excellent voices, and many of the most talented will take part. Professionals and amateurs will contribute, both with voice and instrument, toward making the concert a success. Their rehearsals have been frequent and therough, and the programme, emirequent and therough, and the programme.

enjoyable evening's entertainment-Grand Authors' Carnival. A grand time is expected this week in the spacious hall of the Masonic temple. For a mont past the ladies of the Christian Association have been diligently engaged in preparing m been diligently engaged in preparing material and making appointments for the much-talked of authors' carnival, which will delight hundreds of our citizens on the evenings of Tugsday, Wednes-day, and Thursday of this week. The arrange-ments for the different features of the entertain-ment have been made on a comprehensive scale, nothing having been omitted that is necessary for complete success.

CATARRH.

Desiness and Affection of the Lungs Cured. [Certificate from Mr. J. Henry Carroll.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25, 1876.

My attention having been-attracted to a testimonial from Rev. Mr. Domer, the distinguished pastor of the English Lutheran'church, Eleventh and H streets, this city, certifying to the rem able cure of an affection of the ear by Dr. Hart able cure of an affection of athe ear by Dr. Hartley, I concluded to try the decror's skill in a case
of catarrh of very aggravated form, from which I
had soffered for many years past, which had seriously impaired my hearing and developed every
symptom of consumption. I am happy to state
that Dr. Hartley has effected a complete and radical cure, removing every vestige of catarrh, deafness and affection of the lungs, and I am now as
healthy and can hear as perfectly as at any former period of my life. Dr. Hartley's remarkable
success in my case justifies this testimonial, and
he has my best thanks, with a more substantial
evidence of my appreciation.

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J. HENRY CARROLL, 500 Ninth street northwest. From the Rev. Cyrus H. Fay, 10th Eighth street northwest, Washington, D. C.) I have pleasure in adding another testimonial to the many already given to the skill of Dr. Hartley in the treatment of deafness. Benefits received in the line of his profession by myself and members of my family prompt me to make this unsolicited acknowledgment. Office and residence of Dr. Hartley, 936 E street porthwest, Washington, D. C.

The monks in their monasteries make the best beer in the Rhine and Bavarian cities. The rea-son of this is that they are too old fogrish to use the scientific ingredients which the prolane du-ploy, and keep on making their beer to-day just as it was made a couple of hundred years ago. They put hope in it, too. There is plenty of room in the United States for monk-made beer.

CAPITAL TOPICS.

of the commissioners to wind up the affairs of the bank, and they found that the bank was largely insolvent. On December 14, 1874, a report was made, and the liabilities, as they appeared then, were \$2,519,631.78. They then found assets, as per ledger balances, \$2,500,000.30. The actual value of the assets could not be ascertained, because many of them were personal securities, and appeared to be worthless. He feared that not more than forty per cent. of the assets would be realized. Messrs Furvis and Leopold, his associates, were more hopeful than he was. When the commissioners took charge they found a very small amount of United States bouds belonging to the institution. The loans secured by personal securities amounted (including interest) to \$335,632.10.

A. M. Sperry, inspector of the Freedmen's

institution. The loans secured by personal securrities amounted (including interest) to
\$533,523.

A. M. Sperry, inspector of the Freedmen's
hank, testified to a very loose way of doing the
business. Some of the branches could not be
reached at all for examination. In 1870 he found
a difference between the ledgers and the general
account in the Washington branch of \$50,000.
Wm. J. Wilson was cashier and Thos. S. Bosten
was book keeper. Gen. O. O. Howard was on
Boston's bond for the sum of \$5,000. All the discrepancies that appeared upon the books of the
branches were the result of irregular, careless or
incompetent book keepers. Witness related a
large number of instances of traud perpetrated at
different branches by the officers of the bank.
The whole business was conducted everywhere
except Richmond in the most careless manner.
Officers stole the funds and admitted the fact,
but plead poverty. They were frequently in the
habit of making loans to relatives without
taking security for the amounts. As to the
Washington branch, there was no wrong
amounting to oriminality, unless negligence or
raber incompetency is criminal. If Boston,
the book keeper there, had been smarter he
should say there was fraud. But Boston was too
dull for fraud. There were a good number of
transactions that were concealed, and among
them was that relating to the Seneca Stone Company. The papers in that case disclosed the fact
that a loan was made to Hallet Kilbeurn and
John O. Evans of \$50,000 at a certain time with
certain collaterals attached, and a secret agreement was drawn up between the actuary, the
finance committee, and these gentlemen that in
case the note was not paid at maturity the note
and all the securities, except the bonds of the
Maryland Mining and Manufacturing Company,
should be surrendered to the makers of the note,
and that the bonds in question (that is the Sencea
Stone Company's bonds) should be taken in full
payment of the note. The note did not mature
for a year. When it did mature the then actuary,
Col.

were given up, and the Seneca Stone bonds retained. These bonds are not worth anything and never were.

William Kilgour, of Alexandria, testified that he has as a client a colored man named Watkins, whose money was drawn out of the Freedman's Bank on frandulent checks, and that the was drawn by T. S. Boston, the teller. He looked into the matter, and found that Boston had forged between \$1,000 and \$1,100. Boston was the son-inlaw of Wilson, the cashler, and was afterwards compelled to pay Watkins in installments.

It further appeared in evidence that the bank loaned \$3,000 to the Young Men's Christian Association joint stock company, The association owns about \$15,000 worth of the stock out of \$200.000 worth issued for the building, which, with the exception above stated, was held by different partice. A deed of trust on the property was given to secure the loan.

Mr. Sperly was recalled, and was asked to state in a general way all the causes which were most prominent in bringing about the failure of the bank, and he replied that if there had been scrupulous conformity to law in every particular, and carefulness in selecting investments, the failure would not have occurred. The first fatal departure from sound policy was the erection of the large banking house in Washington. There got to be arcund the principal office of the company an unwholesome savor of connection with what was popularly known as the District ring. At any rate, the management was first opened to criticism by the politicians. The immediate causes of failure were undoubtedly the panie of 1873, and the ostensible, though not the real, connection of the bank with Jay Cooke & Co. This led to such a reduction of the bank with Jay Cooke & Co. This led to such a reduction of the bank with Jay Cooke & Co. This led to such a reduction of the bank with Jay Cooke & Co. This led to such a reduction of the bank with Jay Cooke & Co. This led to such a reduction of the Washington. The very seven if nothing further had transpired, the institution wend to the

that, even if nothing further had transpired, the institution would have been closed by its exponse account.

J. W. Alvord testified to a loan of over \$75,000 to the Howard University. The trustees of the university, besides himself, were Senator Pomercy, Bishop Tailbot, Bishop Brown, Fred Douglass, F. H. Smith and G. W. Balloch. That loan was for the payment of construction bills for professors' houses, for the building erected for the Normal school, and for bills which had accumulated on the foundation work. It appeared that President Grant, General F. D. Bent, W. H. Seward, J. K. Barnes, Surgeon General, Caleb Cushing, and others of equal prominence, were stockholicers in the Senesa Company.

C. B. Purvis, a trustee of the bank since March, 1868, testified that Mr. Stickney, who was the actuary, had authorized a man maned Boyle to sell a large number of bonds belonging to the bank. This was after Jay Cooke's failur. The transaction was irregular, and with sea demanded Mr. Stickney's removal. There was a loan of \$21,000 to Boyle, on which Stickney took security, and the bank has never realized a cent from the loan.

A large number of with sesses were examined to show that loans were made to prominent individuals in the District of Columbia without requiring proper security.

Joseph J. Stewart testified that he was a trustee, but resigned in 1872, because he thought the arrangement of the institution unsound, and all his efforts to correct it proved unavailing. He had given an opinion against certain investments, and he saw that his views were not acceptable and that the institution would not be governed by them.

Mir. Purvis had frequently protested against the loose manner of doing business, but his protests were unavailing.

tests were unavailing.

An Infernal Machine in a Saratoga Man's Coal Hod. Quite a sensation was produced in the family of Mr. D. Gibbs, a prominent merchant of Saratog Springs, one evening this week. While obtaining a hod of coal from his coal-bin he discovered, by mere accident, and yet most fortunately, a small tin box among the coal. His suspicions were at once aroused, and from the fact that the box was blackened so as to render it almost an in possibility to distinguish it from the coal sur-rounding it, he approached it with considerable caution, anticipating its true nature, vis, an infernal machine, almost at a glance. The box was

fernal machine, almost at a glance. The box was carefully removed from the hod, and the remainder of the coal in the hod examined before being placed in the stove. The box was opened and found to contain a large number of straws about three inches in length. Each straw was filled with powder and securely sealed at the ends. The whole formed, indeed, a very dangerous contrivance, which, if it had ever reached the fire-box of a parior stove, would have made very destructive work with the inside of a house, and perhaps destroyed the lives of more than one member of the family. Whether the above machine was placed in Mr. Gibbs' coal-box on purpose, and with malicious intent, or whether it came there accidentally, is a question not yet solved. The Geography of the Future.

Thus it is seen that as certainly as terrestrie evolutions continue in the course of ten thousan years there must come an entire reversal of polar conditions. The southern waters must be drained off to make the oceans of an opposite hemisphere New lands enriched with the sediment of a hur dred centuries, will rise up to extend the border of the old south continents, and iglands, joining together, will expand into mainlands. At the same time the northern continents must be, in great part, submerged, and their summits and ranges become the bleak islands and the bold headlands of a tempestuous ocean. Central Asia, with its broad table lands, may still retain the name of a continent, but, beyond a few outlying islands, there will be no Europe and but little of North America left. The Atlantic waters will stand five hundred feet over Lake Superior, and will wash the base of the Rocky mountains in all their length. A new Guff Stream may again, as it must often have done before, flow up the valley of the Mississippi. returning the deltas to the prairies, and remaking the beds of the gardens of the world. These are no idle or impossible fancies. Not only are they the results of rigorous calculation, but they accord perfectly with the unmistakable evidences which the ocean has left all over our land of its recent work and presence. together, will expand into mainlands. At the

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